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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5189

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HIGHER EDUCATION--TUITION--KOREAN CONFLICT VETERANS

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YEAS 47 NAYS 0 I, Milton н. Doumit, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby BRAD OWEN certify that the attached is President of the Senate SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5189 as passed by the Senate and the House Passed by the House April 17, 2003 YEAS 98 NAYS 0 of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth. FRANK CHOPP MILTON H. DOUMIT JR. Speaker of the House of Representatives Secretary Approved May 9, 2003. FILED May 9, 2003 - 3:16 p.m.

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Governor of the State of Washington

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Secretary of State State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, Swecker, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Stevens, Oke, Roach and Winsley)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to tuition and fees charged at institutions of
- 2 higher education to military and naval veterans of the Korean conflict;
- 3 amending RCW 28B.15.558; and creating a new section.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that military and
- 6 naval veterans who have served their country in wars on foreign soil
- 7 have risked their own lives to defend both the lives of all Americans
- 8 and the freedom that define and distinguish our nation. It is the
- 9 intent of the legislature to honor veterans of the Korean conflict for
- 10 the public service they have provided to their country.
- 11 Sec. 2. RCW 28B.15.558 and 1997 c 211 s 1 are each amended to read
- 12 as follows:
- 13 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
- 14 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges
- 15 may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities
- 16 fees for state employees as defined under subsection (2) of this
- 17 section, veterans of the Korean conflict, and members of the Washington

1 national guard. The enrollment of these persons is pursuant to the 2 following conditions:

- (a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on a space available basis and no new course sections shall be created as a result of the registration;
- (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports, nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics that would affect budgetary determinations; and
- 11 (c) Persons registering on a space available basis shall be charged 12 a registration fee of not less than five dollars.
- 13 (2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means 14 persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following 15 employee classifications:
- 16 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.06 17 RCW;
- 18 (b) Permanent employees governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant to 19 the exercise of the option under RCW 41.56.201;
- 20 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional 21 employees of technical colleges; and
 - (d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and administrative employees at institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.
 - (3) For the purposes of this section, "veterans of the Korean conflict" means persons who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during any portion of the period beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31, 1955.
 - (4) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the institution.
- 33 (((4))) <u>(5)</u> If an institution of higher education exercises the 34 authority granted under this section, it shall include all eligible 35 state employees, veterans of the Korean conflict, and members of the 36 Washington national guard in the pool of persons eligible to 37 participate in the program.

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1 (((5))) <u>(6)</u> In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, 2 institutions of higher education may not discriminate between full-time 3 employees and employees who are employed half-time or more.

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